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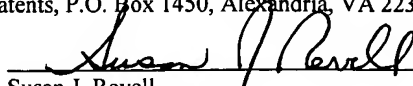
RESPONSE

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Requirement For Restriction set forth in the Official Action of March 12, 2004, relating to the above-identified application.

In the Official Action, Claims 1 to 10, drawn to a process of making a container, are indicated to be separate and distinct from Claims 11 to 20, directed to the process for making the container. The Official Action indicates that the process would be held to be distinct if it can be shown that the process can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus. The Official Action continues by saying that a materially different apparatus would be one including a heater for heating the sheet. Applicants wish to point out that the apparatus claims in this application do not exclude the use of a heating apparatus.

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Accordingly, applicants respectively submit that the reasons set forth in the Official Action for justifying the requirement for restriction are flawed and, therefore, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

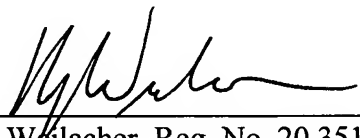
Nevertheless, applicants provisionally elect the subject matter of the method Claims 1 to 10 inclusive for further prosecution in this application and reserve the right to file a divisional application, should the requirement for restriction be made final, with respect to the apparatus defined by Claims 11 to 20.

A request for a one-month extension of time, together with the associated fee, is filed herewith.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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